

Young people celebrate their success on Prince's Trust Team

Family, friends and supporters gathered at Guildford YMCA on Thursday 22 July to watch a presentation by young people about the 12 week course they have just completed. Each young person told of how the Prince's Trust Team course has impacted their lives and is helping to shape their futures.



Robert Douglas CBE, High Sheriff of Surrey presented the Team with their certificates. Team leaders Nick and Sophie are either end of the front row.

The new High Sheriff of Surrey, Robert Douglas CBE, presented the Team with their certificates. He told them, "The theme of my year as High Sheriff is supporting and helping 14 - 25 year olds, especially those who have particular difficulties to overcome. I am so impressed by what you have achieved, and impressed by the confidence you've shown this evening. You are an outstanding testament to the Prince's Trust Team course and how it changes people's lives. I applaud your achievements."

Prince's Trust Teams offer experiences to young people aged 16-25 - ranging from physical challenges out on Dartmoor to organising a day out for pensioners. Practical training in Food Hygiene and First Aid offers the opportunity to gain further qualifications alongside the City & Guilds award in Personal Development and Contributing to the Community. CV development and interview techniques help prepare young people for job hunting.

Unlike previous Teams the work experience element was extended from one to two weeks. And two of the Team have been offered full time work by their

placement employers. For young people who started the course with low expectations and poor prospects, this is the perfect result.

One young man told of how he was encouraged to sign up for the course to sort himself out. “After getting into trouble with the police last year, I thought it was about time I did something with my life. The Youth Justice team hooked me up with my own personal Connexions adviser who applied to the Prince’s Trust for me.

“I really enjoyed my time on work experience and my time on the course. I’ve made some really kind friends. I am looking forward to get my certificates.”

For any young person aged 16-24 looking for direction or to improve their life and work skills, new courses will begin on Monday 20 September in both Guildford and Reigate. Please call Art or Alex on 01483 888122 for more information.